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What a pathetic crock of shit. Two years of legal proceedings for this? This has been a complete waste of time and money on everyone's part if nothing was really intended to be done about antitrust abuse.

Tis indeed a sad day that the US government lays down before MS. Yet another slap on the wrist that will be ignored. Unfortunate for Netscape and all the others before it that essentially nothing will be done.

Should have stuck with the breakup decision... if MS Office was available on alternative platforms (like Linux), Windows would have to stand on its own merits. Then users could choose office software separately from OS software. It would also prevent any more of this application/OS blending since the application could not be made cross-platform.

Out of the 10Base-T, through the router, down the T1, over the leased line, off the bridge, past the firewall... nothing but Net.